

North Cumberland Fire District

Meeting Minutes

January 17, 2007

Opening:

The regular meeting of the North Cumberland Fire District (NCFD) was called to order at

7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 17, 2007, by Chairman Edward LeBlanc.

Present: Absent:

Edward LeBlanc, Chairman

John Aharonian

Robert Audette

Joseph Baglini (arrived 7:08 p.m.)

Brian Campbell

Matthew Gannon

Paul Lindquist

Robert J. Murray

Others Present:

Rene Gendreau, Chief

Fay Dakake, Clerk

Daniel Hamel, Treasurer

Martin Klara, Tax Collector

A. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Gannon, seconded by Mr. Lindquist, to accept the Clerk's Report of December 20, 2006 as written. All in favor. So voted.

B. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report dated January 18, 2007, included the following:

- o Financial Summary, December, 2006
- o Tax Collections, October 31, 2006
- o Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison as of December 31, 2006
- o Profit and Loss Statement, December, 2006
- o Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison July through December 2006
- o Profit & Loss Budget Overview July through December 2006

A motion was made by Mr. Murray, seconded by Mr. Audette, to accept the Treasurer's Report dated January 18, 2007, as written. All in favor. So voted.

C. Tax Collector's Report

The Tax Collector's Report dated January, 2007, was reviewed.

Delinquencies, going to tax sale, bills were mailed. One account has been delinquent for almost 10 years, owing \$5,000. It has never gone

to tax sale. There was a bankruptcy in progress but no documentation has been received. Attorney Baker has been contacted to research the bankruptcy. Tax Collector Klara is awaiting her call.

Regarding the recent posting in the Providence Journal that listed NCFD as a property seller, Tax Collector Klara reported that he had contacted Attorney Baker. It was found that the deed was improperly recorded; listing NCFD as the owner and the party that purchased the property at the tax sale as the new owners even though they only owned 1%. NCFD should not have been on that list at all. The house was sold to the previous owners when they redeemed the property.

Joseph Baglini entered.

A motion was made by Mr. Lindquist, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to accept the January, 2007, Tax Collector's Report. All in favor. So voted.

D. Chief's Report and Monthly Expenditures

Chief Gendreau submitted a Monthly Report for December, 2006, including an Expenditures Report dated January 18, 2006.

Chief Gendreau highlighted:

112 calls during the month of December bringing NCFD to just over 1,300 calls for the year.

fæ Typo, decrease of 18% from December 2005 rather than 2006

fæ Calls remain the same; the difference is in the number of investigations.

fæ Assist police was to gain entry to verify if the occupant was home and or safe.

fæ The day room upstairs has been repainted. The Captain and Pvt. Paquin installed wainscoting on the bottom portion of the wall.

fæ The Lighting of the Green was a success.

fæ The computer module for the computer system had burned out due to a power surge and had taken down the phone system. A new unit including a battery back (to avoid this from happening in the future) was installed.

fæ A homeland security e-mail received by the Chief was distributed (attached). The questions in the e-mail were answered by the Chief and a return e-mail was sent the following day. If the grant is received, the 4 fire departments in Cumberland will share approximately \$77,000.

Fire Alarm Investigations (Other) 26 were explained as outside the District. If a fire alarm goes off in Cumberland, the different stations are dispatched to the active alarm. The Chief keeps track of how many fire alarm investigations NCFD has in the District and how many outside the district.

Modifications to the tax collections office are still planned.

Accounts 6050 and 6130 (Depault's Ace Hardware) were explained as repair supplies and paint supplies.

A motion was made by Mr. Gannon, seconded by Mr. Aharonian, to accept the Chief's Report dated December, 2006 including expenses and additional expenses. All in favor. So voted.

E. Committee Reports

Insurance

Chief Gendreau stated it should be coming in at the end of the month for February.

Financial Management, Budget, Taxes

Mr. Murray is still awaiting paperwork from Citizen's Bank for the sweep account.

Personnel

To be covered in Executive Session.

Labor Relations

The Appreciation Dinner will be held Sunday, February 11, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.

Nominations

None at this time.

Buildings, Grounds, Apparatus, Computer

No comment other than what has been reported in the Chief's Report.

Public Relations

Chairman LeBlanc commented on a malfunctioning truck of another department that was recently in the news.

F. Old Business

Fire Department Consolidation

Mr. Lindquist reported the sub-committees are meeting tomorrow night at 7:00 p.m. at the Library. March 3, 2007 an all day Saturday session is tentatively planned to start preparing for a public informational session to be held sometime in May.

Mayor-elect McKee was notified in writing by Mr. Lindquist advising him of what was going on with the consolidation and that he would be contacted to get together with the 3 district chairmen.

G. New Business

Money Owed Attorney Baker

Tax Collector Klara stated there were unresolved issues including the Marszalkowski matter.

H. Public Comment

No comment

Motion was made by Mr. Lindquist, seconded by Mr. Baglini, and unanimously carried to enter into Executive Session in accordance with RIGL 42-46-5 (2) Negotiations at 7:25 p.m.

Return to Public Meeting

I. Adjournment

Motion was by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Lindquist, and unanimously carried to adjourn the public meeting at 7:51 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Fay Dakake, Clerk _____

Approved by: Edward LeBlanc _____
Chairman